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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- * The House will reconvene for its 9th Legislative Day on Friday, February 1, at 9:00 AM.
- * 1 bill is expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Thursday, January 31, 2013

8th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

RULES CALENDAR

HB 55 - Wiretapping; interception of wire or oral transmissions by law enforcement; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 55 allows a superior court judge who has jurisdiction over a particular crime under investigation to issue a warrant with statewide application and will allow statewide interception of pin registers or trap and trace devices.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Rich Golick of the 40th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 1

HB 57 - Controlled substances; definition of Schedule I; expand

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 57 is a drug update bill to include the most recent components used in synthetic marijuana.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Matt Ramsey of the 72nd
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 167; **Nays:** 1

LOCAL CALENDAR

HB 86 - Putnam County State Court; judge and solicitor-general; change compensation

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide compensation for the judge and the solicitor-general of the State Court of Putnam County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mickey Channell of the 120th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 0

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COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 9th Legislative Day, Friday, February 1, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

NEXT ON THE FLOOR

SB 24 - "Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act"; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 24, designated the "Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act", authorizes the Department of Community Health (DCH) to establish, assess and discontinue provider payments on hospitals. Those payments may not be higher than what is necessary to match federal Medicaid funds and not higher than what is set by the General Appropriations Act. Terms of payments will be set by the DCH Board with their rule making authority. These payments may only be deposited into the Indigent Care Trust Fund, which doesn't lapse at the end of the year. These payments may only be used to match federal Medicaid funds. These payments cease if the department reduces Medicaid rates to hospitals, reduces rates during CMO rate setting, or changes ANY payment methodology, administrative rule or payment policy that would directly affect hospitals that were in effect at the close of Fiscal Year 2012.

The General Assembly retains the authority to override the board's provider assessment. Provider payments count toward the hospital's indigent or charity care requirements for DSH payments.

The provisions of SB 24 are automatically repealed on June 30, 2017, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly. It becomes effective upon the Governor's signature or July 1, 2013, whichever happens first.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Charlie Bethel of the 54th
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 1/29/2013
- **Rule:** Structured

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Intragovernmental Coordination

SB 25 - Macon, City of; City of Payne City; Bibb County; nonpartisan elections of mayor and commissioners

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the mayor and commission of the unified government of Macon/Bibb County.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination

SB 26 - Bibb County; provide for future elections for coroner

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the coroner of the unified government of Macon/Bibb County.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination

SB 30 - Board of Public Education for Bibb County; nonpartisan elections of members

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the members of the Macon/Bibb County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination

SB 31 - Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act; nonpartisan election for the members

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the members of the Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Judiciary

HB 3 - Evidence; professional forestry; Department of Public Health; AIDS; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 3 contains a few legislative fixes.

Sections 1 and 2 contain a legislative fix to the 2011 Evidence Rewrite (HB 24) which went into effect on January 1, 2013. Section 1 adds a board which was inadvertently omitted. Section 3 protects privileged documents and work product from being admissible in court.

Section 3 clears a conflict between two bills which were passed during the 2011 legislative session, HB 24 and HB 214, to clarify that the Department of Public Health now maintains the confidential records.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

** Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office, and are then placed on the General Calendar.*

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

No committees are scheduled to meet on Friday, February 1, 2013

** This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*